make recommendations for upgradation of five medical colleges in five zones of the country to make them into regional cenres of excelence in medical care. The Committee submitted its report in December, 1991 and had made recommendations for upgradation of five medical colleges. The Government, after careful consideration of all aspects of the matter, including the availability of resources, the likely impact of such a scheme including giving rise to similar demands from other States and constitutional responsibility of the Central Government in this regard, have decided not to include this scheme in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

[*English*]

Wheat Quota to Private Sector

3390. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reduced the quota of wheat to the private sector in January, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extend to which the supply and price of wheat have been affected as a result thereof; and

(d) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The quantity of wheat sold in the open sale during January, 1992 was 1.07 lakh tonnes compared to 3.14 lakh tonnes sold in December, 1991.

(c) and (d). Whereas qualification cannot be done, open sale of wheat helped in moderating the rising trend of prices.

Expansion of Production Capacity of Sugar Mills

3391. SHRI P. G. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand the existing production capacity of sugar mills during the Eighth Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A target of licensed capacity of 198-76 lakh tonnes annual sugar production has been fixed for the terminal year of the Eighth Five Plan i. e. 1996-97 (October - September). No State-wise target has been fixed till yet.

Diesel Engine Factory in Mysore

3392. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the diesel engine factory at Mysore has started commercial production;

(b) if so, the production during 1991-92 (upto and of Dec '91);

(c) the number of employees working in the above factory;

(d) whether the installed capacity has been fully utilised; and

(e) if not, the percentage of utilisation of the installed capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There is no Diesel engine manufacturing unit at Mysore.